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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 23-033: SKAGIT WILDLIFE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN

**Description of Proposal:**

This is a new management plan for the Skagit Wildlife Area. Over the next 10 years, the plan will direct management activities on 21 units totaling 17,968 acres. The primary management focus is on estuary and floodplain restoration, providing forage for wintering waterfowl, recovering federal and state listed species, and providing recreation. Supported recreation activities include fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing, photography, boating, walking, and hiking.

Restoration activities that may occur on the wildlife area units include estuary restoration, forest management, and wetland enhancements. See table 7 of the plan for a complete list of goals and objectives. Specific projects or actions may be taken to implement elements of this plan. Where appropriate, project specific SEPA review will occur.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** WDFW Skagit Wildlife Area, 21 units predominantly located on the Skagit River Delta and Skagit Bay Estuary between La Conner and Conway, northwestern Snohomish County, to the west on isolated parcels in the San Juan Islands, and in eastern Skagit County near the cities of Marblemount and Concrete. San Juan, Island, Skagit, and Snohomish Counties, Washington.

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> **We will not act on this proposal for 31 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 31 days of the date of this determination. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on September 22, 2023**.

**Method of Comment:**

SEPA documents related to this proposal can be reviewed at the WDFW SEPA website at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/open-comments>.

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal. You can submit your comments through one of the following ways:

- Online at the Public Input comment portal for this proposal: <https://publicinput.com/SkagitPlan>
- Email to: [SkagitPlan@PublicInput.com](mailto:SkagitPlan@PublicInput.com)

**Responsible Official:** Lisa Wood

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Habitat Program, Protection Division

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/closed-final>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, or have difficulty with the Public Input comment portal, contact Lisa Wood at: [SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov).

**DATE OF ISSUE:** August 22, 2023

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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